



KNIT  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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## Child's Earflap Hat

*This warm, easy-to-knit earflap hat is made with yarn that looks amazing when doing a flash photo or when car headlights hit it. Yarn has a strand that reflects light as shown in photo on next page.*



Red Heart®  
Reflective™, Art. E820,  
available in solids  
3.5 oz (100g) 88 yd  
(80m) balls

SHOP KIT

Sized to fit a 1-5 year old.  
Finished circumference: 19" (48 cm)

### SPECIAL STITCHES

**K2tog** = Knit 2 stitches together. Insert the right needle into two stitches at the same time and knit. This will result in a decrease of one stitch. This decrease will slant to the right.

### PATTERN STITCHES

#### Stockinette Stitch

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Knit all sts.

**Row 2:** Purl all sts..

Repeat rows 1-2.

#### K1, P1 Rib

**Row 1:** K1, P1.

**Row 2:** Knit the knit sts, purl the purl sts

Repeat rows 1-2.

### NOTES

#### I-Cord

Knit across row do not turn. Slide stitches to opposite end of needle, keeping yarn to back. Bring the yarn across the back and knit another row pulling the first stitch tightly to eliminate any gap across the stitches. Repeat until desired length.

Hat is made beginning with I-cord ties, then make earflaps. Earflaps and crown are joined and worked in the round using circular then double-pointed needles and worked to top.

#### I-CORD TIES and EARFLAPS

Using **A** and double-pointed needles, cast on 4 sts. Work I-Cord Tie until it measures 8" (20 cm) from beginning.

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Change to circular needles, working back and forth in rows, K2, place marker, k2.

**Row 2:** (Wrong Side): P4 across row.

**Row 3:** Knit to 1 st before marker, knit into the front and back of stitch, slip marker, knit into the front and back of next stitch. Knit to end of row.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until there are 14 sts. Continue working in Stockinette st until Earflap measures 12" (30 cm) from beginning, end on a Wrong Side row.

Cut yarn and place first Earflap (14 sts) on a stitch holder and set aside.

Make second I-Cord Tie and Earflap, do not cut yarn.

### HAT

Using yarn from second Earflap, knit across second Earflap. Cast on 20 sts. Knit across first Earflap. Cast on 16 sts—64 sts.

Join being careful not to twist sts and place marker for beginning of round.

**Round 1:** Knit the Earflap sts and work the newly cast on 20 sts (back of hat) and 16 sts (front of hat) in K1, P1 Rib.

**Rounds 2-5:** Repeat Round 1.

**Rounds 6-17:** Change to **B** and knit all sts.

### SHAPE CROWN

As st count decreases, change to double-pointed needles.

**Round 1:** (dec) \*K6, k2tog\*; repeat from \* around—56 sts.

**Round 2:** Knit.

**Round 3:** (dec) \*K5, k2tog\*; repeat from \* around—48 sts.

**Round 4:** Knit.

**Round 5:** (dec) \*K4, k2tog\*; repeat from \* around—40 sts.

**Round 6:** Knit.

**Round 7:** (dec) \*K3, K2tog\*; repeat from \* around—32 sts.

**Round 8:** Knit.

**Round 9:** \*K2, K2tog\*; repeat from \* around—24 sts.

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**Round 10:** Knit.

**Round 11:** \*K1, K2tog\*; repeat from \* around—16 sts.

**Round 12:** Knit.

**Round 13:** \*K2tog\*; repeat from \* across—8 sts. Cut yarn and draw through remaining 8 sts twice. Draw up firmly; fasten securely.

## FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

A, B = Color A, Color B; K = knit; mm = millimeters; P = Purl; st(s) = stitch(es); St st = Stockinette stitch; K2tog = Knit 2 Together, [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* or \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.

